

Andrew Jackson Donelson to Andrew Jackson, December 24, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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New Orleans, December 24, 1844.

My D'r Uncle, I have just come here, availing myself of the most favorable state of the business of my nephew, for a temporary absence, and to be in a situation to communicate freely with the Government. I have sent James G. Martin as bearer of despatches to Washington, the substance of which is that the Government of Texas is waiting for the action of our congress on the subject of re-annexation, and will adopt no measure calculated to prejudice or weaken the cause while there is a prospect of its success in the United States. This is all that can be done by Texas, all that can be expected by us, in the present state of the question. Houston has acted nobly. He has retired to a tract of land where he means to rear stock, and says he has no ambition now but to pay a pilgrimage to the Hermitage and see you once more. His successor is his intimate friend and well calculated to administer the Government.

Your letter of the 11th December reached me here. Its suggestion in relation to the basis of a Treaty, should power be sent to me, to conclude 0373 349 one, will be faithfully observed. Reannexation is the word referring to the cession from Louisiana, and justifying the claim of Texas to the benefit of our laws.

Your letter of Novr. by Mr. Rucker reached me at Houston, and gave me the gratifying news that your health was good, and that my wife and children were also well.

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Mr Miller, Genl. Houstons secretary promised me a faithful attendance to your land claim. It is said to be good but was too far for me to visit it. The section of country in which it lies is spoken of as one of the finest in the Territory. It is about 80 or 90 miles from Washington near the sea coast.